## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



## **Proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget**

August 22, 2016

## **Improvements & Revenue Enhancements**

The proposed FY 2017 budget includes the following information for the Development Services Department and highlights the addition of 18 new positions as outlined below:

#### TREE IMPROVEMENT—5 NEW POSITIONS

To be supported in part by increased tree fees — Improvement Total: \$400,000

- (3) Tree Inspectors (1) Sr. Tree Inspector
- (1) Asst. City Arborist (Plan Review)

TREE REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS—\$289,855			
FY 2016 Current Rate	FY 2017 Proposed Rate		
Tree Warranty Fee			
\$270 per permit	\$500 per permit		
\$75 per addl. tree	\$150 per addl. tree		
Tree Affidavit – Inspection Fee			
Residential: \$35 per lot	\$50 per lot		
Commercial: \$75 per lot	\$175 per lot		
(New) Tree Preservation – Validation			
\$0	\$100 per review		
(New) Tree Review – Demolition			
\$0	\$100 per review		

13 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS — \$784,840		
PLAN REVIEW		FIELD SERVICES
7 TOTAL		5 TOTAL
Plan	Customer	Inspections
Review (3)	Service (4)	(5)
- Building - Mechanical - Fire	- Sr. Development Services Specialist - Plans Coordinator - Development Services Specialist - Development Services Representative	- Sr. Inspectors (4) - Project Manager (1)

#### LAND DEVELOPMENT

World Heritage Senior Planner (1)— WORLD Heritage will fund 75% of this position.

ADDITIONAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS: NEW FEES—\$596,562		
Fire Systems – Plan Review	• \$100 per plan	
Escrow Deposit with Credit Card	• 3% fee per deposit	
Close Escrow Account	• \$50 per closure	
Processing Fee for all Applications available on- line	• \$10 per application	
Fee to Request Inspections available on-line	• \$3 per application	

# Development Services supports Smart City with BuildSA On-Line Permitting

Doing business with Development Services will be easier, faster, and overall more efficient— allowing us to take customer service to the next level. With BuildSA, customers and employees will soon benefit from enhanced features including:

- All Permitting Activity in One System
- All Permits will be Available 24/7 On-Line
- More Information will be Available On-Line by Email
- Permit Wizard
- Enhanced Electronic Plan Review



#### More Info:

- The proposed Winter Holiday schedule is the week of December 25; City Council will vote in September, at which time Development Services will share the DSD schedule.
- **No** reductions to the General Fund or the Development Services Fund.

## **Development Services supports SA Tomorrow**

In line with the City's Comprehensive Plan, DSD continues to streamline the development process to support the redevelopment of Center City. As such, the redevelopment of housing, art and entertainment, transportation, schooling and medical facilities, pictured below, demonstrates the new growth taking place, today in the Center City.

